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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2020-IA-01199-SCT

IN RE INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 65: MAYOR MARY HAWKINS BUTLER, IN HER INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITIES, AND THE CITY OF MADISON

**Appellants** 

v.

MICHAEL WATSON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI Appellee

## **ORDER**

Now before the undersigned Justice is the Motion for Leave to File Brief of *Amicus Curiae* and to Participate in Oral Argument filed by "Initiative Sponsor" Ashley Ann Durval. The motion, filed pursuant to M.R.A.P. 29, requests leave to (1) file a Brief of *Amicus Curiae* "supporting the position of the Secretary of State and . . . [(2)] participate in oral argument."

A Response was filed by Mayor Mary Hawkins Butler, in her individual and official capacities, and the City of Madison. The Response expressed no objection "to Durval's request to file her Brief of *Amicus Curiae*[,]" but sought denial of Durval's request to participate in oral argument.

After due consideration, the undersigned Justice finds that Durval's request for leave to file her proposed *Amicus Curiae* Brief should be granted, but that her request to participate in oral argument should be denied.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Motion to Participate in Oral Argument filed by "Initiative Sponsor" Ashley Ann Durval is hereby denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion for Leave to File Brief of *Amicus Curiae* filed by "Initiative Sponsor" Ashley Ann Durval is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, consistent with Section 3.(A.)(3.) of the Mississippi Electronic Courts Administrative Procedures, "Initiative Sponsor" Ashley Ann Durval shall electronically re-file her *Amicus Curiae* Brief as an independent document.

Josiah Dennis Coleman, Justice

SO ORDERED.

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